



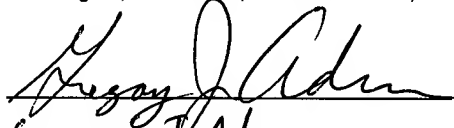
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : Joseph M. Brand  
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Election Requirement of December 18, 2000. Applicant hereby conditionally elect the claims corresponding to the species of Group A1, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Claims 1-13 and 23 are readable on but not necessarily limited to the species of Group A1.

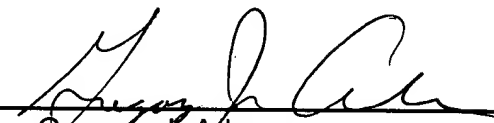
Applicant respectfully requests an opportunity to elect a different species if the examiner-of-record does not agree that these claims are readable on the elected species. Applicant notes that the choice of species for substantive examination greatly depends upon the identity and number of claims, independent and dependent, that will be subject to substantive examination. Accordingly, applicant requests that he be given an additional opportunity to elect a different species for substantive examination if the examiner-of-record is of the opinion that a different set of claims reads upon the

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species of Group A1. The examiner-of-record is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to address such a matter if it arises.

Respectfully submitted,

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